

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Norfolk Division

**GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO  
DEFENDANTS' WAIVER OF RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY**

COMES NOW the United States of America, by undersigned counsel, and hereby represents that it has reviewed the Waiver of Right to Trial by Jury filed by defendants IOANNIS PROKAKIS and ANTONIOS BOUMPOUTELOS on July 8, 2013, and Waiver of Right to Trial by Jury filed by defendant DIANA SHIPPING SERVICES, S.A., on July 9, 2013. In accordance with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 23(a)(2), the government consents to defendants' collective waiver of trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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